

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st November 2015

Cork Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Following on from Jerry EI6BT's informative presentation on modern marine communications at the October meeting, the November meeting of Cork Radio Club on Wednesday November 4th will be looking at marine communications in earlier times with Sean EI3GS.

The meeting starts at 2000 in Carrigtwohill Community Centre and visitors are very welcome.

The Annual Dinner for Cork Amateurs will be held in Midleton Park Hotel on Saturday December 5th where a four course meal will be served starting at 8pm. Tickets are €25.00 each and are available from Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or by email at ei4bz /at/ eircom.net.

UKEICC

The next contest organised by UKEICC, the UK & Ireland Contest Club takes place on Wednesday 4th November.

It's a one-hour 80m SSB contest starting at 8pm. Work everyone, and exchange your 4-character locator square, for example IO62, with points based on distance, and bonus points for working LP and QRP stations.

Logs have to be uploaded within 1 hour of the end of the contest - by 10pm, and the automated results are published within half an hour. Seven EIs are listed in the results for the most recent contest at ukeicc.com

Why not join in and enjoy the fun.

UK Amateur Radio Licences

UK telecommunications regulator Ofcom has announced that it's set to start cancelling Amateur Radio licenses, possibly numbering into the thousands, that have not been "revalidated" by the holder.

Amateur Radio licenses in the UK must be revalidated every 5 years, but until Ofcom goes through the process of revoking the license, such a license remains valid. The first batch to be revoked will comprise Amateur Radio licenses that had been due for revalidation between September 2012 and January 2013. Ofcom posted a notice on its website in order to reach licensees it has not been successful in contacting.

DX News

A team of experienced German operators will sign 5Z4HW from Kenya from 4th to 18th October. They will be on all bands 160 – 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL manager is DL7DF.

Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club will operate as 3W3MD from Da Nang in Vietnam until 10 November. Some of the team will travel to Cham Island for 3 to 4 days and sign 3W3MD/P from the quite rare IOTA reference AS-162. QSLs will be handled by IK2VUC.

Eric F6ICX returns to Madagascar from 1st November to 12th December. He will reactivate his 5R8IC callsign from Sainte-Marie Island which is IOTA reference AF-090. This will be a holiday style operation and QSLs go via the home call.

Three US operators will visit Montserrat from 4th to 12th November. Look for the callsigns VP2MXP, VP2MEW and VP2MRL. Activity will be on all bands 80 – 6m.

XE1EE has been celebrating 20 years on the air with the special call 4A5XX. This call expires on 23rd November so prefix hunters have only a few more weeks to get him into your log.

IRTS News Services

The closing date for submissions for publication in the December edition of Echo Ireland is November 15th.

Radio News and EI-News rely on individuals and clubs to submit news items that are of interest to members. Articles with pictures attached; the pictures should be sent as separate files and not embedded in the article.

Please make an effort to send newsworthy items to [newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie](mailto:newsteam@at/irts.dot/ie) on a regular basis.

Afghanistan Earthquake

A group of Amateur Radio operators from West Bengal will travel to Afghanistan to provide communications facilities during the earthquake emergency.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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